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DEVELOPMENT OF FLORICULTURE
PUTTASWAMY GOWDA

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government are aware of the enormous potential existing inthe southern part of the country particularly in Karnataka for the growth and development of floriculture; and

(b) if so, the details of facilities extended by the Union Government to improve this sector in southern part of the country particularly in Karnataka?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b): The Govt. of India is aware of the potential of growing flowers in thecountry including Karnataka. For the development of floriculture, States/UTs are taking up programmes under the Scheme `Macro Management in Agriculture − Supplementation/complementation of states efforts` through work plan`. The Govt. ofKarnataka has taken several steps to promote floriculture in the state through area expansion programme and supply of quality planting material of improved varieties of various flowers. The state is also providing assistance for green house construction and developing marketing infrastructure facilities through cooperatives and registered flower growers` associations in the state.

Besides, National Horticulture Board under its scheme `Development ofcommercial Horticulture through Production and post-horvest management provides assistance in the form of back-ended capital subsidy @ of 20% of total project cost with maximum limit of Rs.25 lakhs. The floriculture programmes can be taken up under the scheme. During 2001-02 NHB has made available subsidy of Rs.112.739 lakhs in Karnataka to various floriculture projects.

Agriculture Produce Export Development Authority (APEDA), Ministry ofCommerce has assisted the state Government in setting up a flower auction Centre at Bangalore, for which an amount of Rs.3.57 crore has been sanctioned. Other programmes, for development of floriculture, of APEDA include development ofinfrastructure, export promotion, market development and promotion of quality control. These programmes are implemented throughout the country including in Karnataka.